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Ladies and gentlemen:

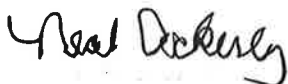
I write to you as the son of a 15 year postal worker from the pre-automation days of the 1960s. This was back when mail was hand-sorted and dad set up a rack of boxes in our workroom to practice sorting. It was interesting to watch him time himself and then calculate his accuracy.

I wish to register in the strongest terms my objection to recent changes in the postal service proposed by Postmaster General (PG) Louis DeJoy. I could attack PG DeJoy on the basis of him discarding expensive mail sorting machines, but that is not my goal. Rather, I wish to object to the policies he is proposing.

Specifically, the proposed shift to send first-class mail via truck instead of airplanes borders on idiotic. It will slow down deliveries substantially. Also, I live at the edge of civilization in New Mexico and, what with the pandemic, have come to rely more and more on the mail for communication with my son, whom I have not seen in more than a year. The decision to close post offices is short-sighted given the substantial rural populations served by the post office. Finally, the decision to limit post office hours will adversely affect working people who struggle to visit their local postal facilities during business hours.

To a great extent, a country can be judged by the efficacy of its postal service. PG DeJoy's prior and proposed changes have put America on the fast track to wretched service inconsistent with Benjamin Franklin's vision of what a postal service can and should be. I urge you to reject DeJoy's proposed changes posthaste.

Sincerely yours,



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Another success is the post-office, with its educating energy augmented by cheapness and guarded by a certain religious sentiment in mankind; so that the power of a wafer or a drop of wax or gluten to guard a letter, as it flies over sea over land and comes to its address as if a battalion of artillery brought it, I look upon as a fine meter of civilization. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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